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Director, Central Intelligence Group
New War Department Building
Twenty-first Street and Virginia Ave., N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Sir:

The War Department has advised this Department that, due to redeployment by the Army, the two radio operators at Baghdad are to be removed as of June 30, 1946. It is felt that the maintenance of effective communications with Iraq is a matter of national importance at the present time. In view of the absence of direct commercial communications with the United States, it would be appreciated if consideration might be given to the assignment by the Strategic Services Unit of two radio operators to Baghdad, in order to maintain the present circuit.

Your attention is invited in this connection to the arrangement made for sending a special communications team to Tehran, Iran, and Cairo, Egypt, to aid in the emergency which arose in Iran. The Department wishes to take this opportunity to express its appreciation for the fine work done by this team. It seems that the proposed inclusion of Baghdad in this network would be highly advantageous.

Very truly yours,

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Chief
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